

# The Cairo Bulletin, June 1.

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### ESPARTERO.

Espartero, Duke of Victoria, has been offered the crown of Spain. From obscurity he has the opportunity of a throne. In his changeful life he has proved the vicissitudes of political fortune. Now the friend and protector of princes, and then an exile and a wanderer from home, glad to escape their vengeance. He was promoted by the sword, and by his bravery made rapid advancement. Now he is the strong arm that stayed battering thrones, and saved them from overthrow when the kingdom was trembling beneath the tread of revolutionary armies. But he little thought when at the head of his battalions that before the close of his sceptre, and that the son of an humble carpwright could become the successor of the Bourbons.

Espartero was born at Granada, in Ciudad Real. In 1808, at the time of the French invasion, he laid aside his books and entered the Sacred Battalion as a soldier. Impelled by patriotism, he fought until the close of the war, was unwilling to return to the quiet of student life. He chose the profession of a soldier, and entered earnestly upon his duties. At the close of the Peninsular war, he went to South America, where the people had revolted against the Spanish yoke. Remaining there ten years he returned to Spain with his fortune improved by the wealth he had acquired during his absence. The restive spirit of the people was adverse to long continued peace, and the breaking out of the Carlist war called Espartero from retirement. Loyal to the right authority, he enlisted on the side of the daughter of Ferdinand VII, and by his energy and prowess commanded himself to favor as to attain the rank of Lieutenant General. In this position it was not difficult for him to achieve a commanding influence and to cause his aid to be invoked by princes. He was recognized as a brave and successful officer, who had won his laurels in many a fierce campaign, and who would prove a powerful ally amid the changing scenes of Spanish politics. In 1820, when Madrid was in danger, he saved it from capture, and again, the following year, when the army of Don Carlos appeared before its gates demanding its surrender, his military skill defeated their purpose. Battled at every point, by the unweakened vigilance of Espartero, the Carlists turned away from the capital, and after two years of hopeless conflict were utterly defeated, and Don Carlos, their leader, was exiled from the Kingdom. This triumphant close of the campaign brought new honors to the distinguished commander. The title of Grandee of Spain and Duke of Vittoria, was conferred upon him, and he ascended by a single step to nobility.

He now stood, however, only upon the threshold of a most illustrious future. Rank in the state and success in the army made him the most prominent subject in Spain, and when the Queen-mother, Christina, resigned her Regency, in eighteen hundred and forty, Espartero was appointed by the Cortes as her successor until Queen Isabella should have reached her majority. With the Spanish sceptre in his hand he might well be proud of his success, and look back upon his career feeling that nothing was impossible to a man whose life had been continually crowded with unusual honors. But the wheel of fate which had brought him to the summit of power was still revolving, and three years after his acceptance of the Regency he was overthrown, the sceptre wrested from his grasp, and he, as an exile and a wanderer, experienced the full bitterness of change of fortune. For four years he remained in England, and at the end of that period returned to Spain, and in peace and retirement at Leganes passed seven eventful years. An insurrection in 1855, resulting in the expulsion of the Regent, again gave the Regency into the hands of Espartero. But his power was of short duration. Two years after he was again in retirement, and although his friends in different parts of the kingdom created insurrections for the purpose of re-establishing his authority, they were not favored by him, and he withdrew from political affairs until 1868, when he emerged from retirement, and as the soldier of the revolution succeeded in driving Isabella from her throne, and in promising those results which made the Spanish Crown the ambition of the nobility of France, Germany and Spain.

The latest dispatches announce that Espartero has declined the offer of the crown. Few men would refuse the tempting offer, but in his eighty-ninth year, this distinguished officer knows that if he would spend his days in peace, he cannot accept a royal place during this stormy period of Spanish history. His long experience has taught him that "envy lies the head that wears a crown," and he prefers the honors already won, to the doubtful venture of a throne.

### IRISH AND GERMAN IMMIGRATION.

Last Saturday, 1,500 immigrants arrived at Castle Garden, New York. As between the Irish and the Germans, the latter are slightly increase the present year, there having arrived up to Saturday last, 25,000, and of the former 24,000. For the same period last year, the German immigration was 32,000, and the Irish, 30,000. It will be seen that the German, as compared with the Irish immigration has fallen off, and the two rates are now coming in equal numbers. Covering the period from and including 1847, there have arrived as few

York 3,614,000 Irish, and 1,636,254 Germans, showing that the arrivals have been nearly equal. If we take detached periods we find those in which there was a preponderance, one way or the other, the tide shifting once in about five years. If from this cause there is a preponderance at any time, in few years the disparity disappears and the race are nearly balanced. The present seems to be the era of preponderating immigration of the Irish, and if the exodus continues, they will soon be in excess. More Irish would now be coming over if many were not held back by the hope that the projected legislation before Parliament will soon afford relief. It is generally supposed that the Irish element is largely in excess, but that arises from the fact that we of the East see them more in mass, they choosing to stay on the seaboard, especially in the cities. The Germans diffuse themselves more, become laborers over the whole country and seem to be aiming to become freeholders. If the Irish would follow a similar policy, it would be for their good, and they would lose some of those characteristics which are made an excuse for the hatred of some invidious natives who would have all tribes, nations and people made to conform by a Procrustean bed of their manufacture.

**AN APOLOGY.**—A few days since we took occasion to pay a compliment to Mr. McCartney, of the Metropolis' *Promulgator*, and described him as a gentleman of brains. He seems to have misunderstood the tenor of our article, and in a late issue of his paper denounced us as rebels, etc. We now regret having penned the offensive article. We are willing to "take it all back," and say that we were mistaken; that Mr. McCartney is not a man of brains; that he hasn't a single brain and never had. We hope this apology will be satisfactory.

**NOTES OF THE DAY.**—A man in Portland, Maine, has imported twelve live alligators.

A Philadelphia christening party resulted in the death of two men.

Sunday b & r resorts at Nashville, Tenn., are called "Horticultural Gardens."

Our Saxon grandmothers called what are now known as garters, shankbands.

"Edwin Dross" is already in process of translation into French and German.

"My belly has no sounds in it," is the Chinese for "I cannot pronounce it."

A rebellion in Iceland, and a consequent separation from Denmark, are probable.

An Indian has just hung himself, having been married a year without any divorce.

Seven men have been arrested in Nashville by two little policemen for stealing one watch.

An amendment has been offered to the tariff bill to secure the protection of cattle in transit.

Lieutenant Stenough killed by Indians, near South Pass City, was a nephew of General Sherman.

A schoolboy "appetite" by explaining that "when I'm eating I'm happy, and when I'm done, I'm tight."

Hildebrand is still on the wing. The announcement would have a smack of cheerfulness about it were he on the swing.

It is reported that Wendell Phillips is to succeed Mr. Twissell as Congressional Representative of the Third Massachusetts District.

The Germans express the diverse interests and unsympathetic existences of a family circle in one word, "Unzumammengehörigkeit."

A "Pine Tree Shilling," two hundred and eighteen years old, has been discovered at Newport. One of those coins lately sold for \$32.50.

An employe of J. C. Conklin, an undertaker of Sacramento, laid himself out in one of his employer's collars, and shot himself through the head.

Ben Bolt has been convicted of murder in Cecil, Md. He was doubtless driven crazy by his incessant efforts to "remember sweet Alice" by request.

The most hopeful class of men in New Hampshire are said to be the thousand and one compromise candidates for the United States Senatorship.

Mrs. Stevenson made the astounding declaration at a recent woman's suffrage meeting in San Francisco, that "women could not become men if they tried."

A divorced wife at Providence, R. I., on Monday, created considerable excitement by assaulting a lady who was riding with her former husband.

The last straggler from General Lee's army has arrived at Louisville en route to Baltimore. After "Pittsburg" he retreated to Mexico, and is now on his way home.

The *Resolution* settles the dish-washing question by quoting from 2d Kings, xxi, 13: "I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish; wiping it, and turning it upside down."

Among the distinguished arrivals in Washington, we notice the names of Zin-gab-lah-skah, Moh-ta-dehon-ka, Ma-ta-uh-sah, and Tab-an-sap-ha-sah, Indian chiefs of the very biggest kind.

A gentleman at Newport has just completed a monument in the cemetery, and a

superior dwelling in the town. He considered himself provided with residences for a coming decade.

A Pittsburgh lecturer, named Smith, with a genius for history and the dead languages, declares that Tacitus was not only faulty in his Latin, but in many respects utterly unfit for historical composition.

Two rascals, representing themselves as census officials, obtained, lately, from a farmer in Wisconsin a description of his farm, filled up a blank mortgage and induced him to sign the instrument.

The good people of Montgomery, Ala., are enjoying a panorama of Milton's Paradise Lost; but, as a delicate compliment to the late "unpleasantness," they call it "The Great Rebellion in Heaven."

The first case east of the Mississippi of a female counselor before the courts is recorded at New Albany, Indiana. A young man was arraigned for slander by a colored female, and a wealthy lady of that city appeared as volunteer counsel on his behalf.

The Postmaster General must have started some lively mail routes in Virginia. The Richmond *Enquirer* does not approve of the mail from, that city to Yorktown being carried on a "cadaverous, raw-boned, slab-sided, crop-eared, shaved-tail, clay-bank old horse."

Sacramento has a Chinese Davenport. The celestial was caught robbing a hen-roost, and securely tied to a post while search was made for the police. On the arrival of the officers John Chinaman was gone, and had taken with him all the chickens he could carry.

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